

**AFSCME DISTRICT COUNCIL 47**  
**2023 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**(Commonwealth Court Judges)**

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

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**Candidacy Information**

What office are you seeking? Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court

With which party are you registered? Democratic

Who are your opponents? Megan Martin, Esquire

If there is not sufficient space to respond to the following questions, please attach additional sheets to the questionnaire.

1. What in your background qualifies you to be a Judge of the Commonwealth Court?

I have 25 years of civil rights experience with an emphasis on representing workers, primarily in discrimination, wrongful discharge, sexual harassment, and hostile workplace environment situations. I also represented individuals against the government, including the police, in civil rights cases. I have handled many wage and hour matters on behalf of workers. Elected Judge in 2017, I have been supervising civil judge since 2020. I guided the court through the pandemic and made the Philadelphia Municipal Court a National Model for Eviction Diversion. I received an award from the Philadelphia Bar Association for my leadership in December of 2022. I have focused on equity and transparency in the Court. I have been charged with re-writing the entire set of court rules for the civil section, a project nearing completion. I have received praise from landlords and tenant advocates for my leadership. I am

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recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Philadelphia Bar Association. To my knowledge, my opponent has never tried a jury trial, I have tried many to a verdict. To my knowledge my opponent has never prosecuted or defended an appeal in an appellate court, I have tried and defended many appeals. I have judicial experience, my opponent does not have such experience.

In addition to 25 years civil rights trial experience, and 5 years plus judicial experience, I have 17 years of military law experience as an officer in the United States Army Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps, where I practiced law deployed in combat zones, with missions "outside the wire." I continue to serve since 2020 in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard as a combat arms soldier.

Most importantly, what qualifies me is that I have proven myself to be a Judge who is knowledgeable, fair and impartial, and award winning. If you support me you would be very proud of me should I win the election.

2. How would you describe your judicial philosophy?

I am patient and kind to all who appear before me. I have focused on equity and access to justice for the past several years as a judicial supervisor. I let lawyers present their cases without interference. I follow and apply the law.

3. What do you believe is the proper standard for review of arbitration awards on appeal?

It is not appropriate for a judicial candidate or sitting judge (of which I am both) to express a legal opinion on matters that might come before me in connection with a campaign. If I were to do so, I could be conflicted out of such cases that might come before me. I am ethically prohibited from answering this.

4. Under what circumstances would you consider setting aside or reversing an Arbitrator's award? Would you consider setting aside an Arbitrator's award if you disagreed with the award?

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5. What would be your standard for reviewing an appeal to an arbitrator's award by a government agency that claims that it could not afford to pay that award because it was too expensive and might be burdensome to the taxpayers? Do you believe that you could overturn an Arbitrator's award on that basis alone?

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